

	<p style="text-align: center;">HEADQUARTERS SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westdown Camp, Tilshead, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 4RS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22 September 2011</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Defence Infrastructure Organisation</p>
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**SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA (SPTA)
NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2011**

Stop Press. Tread Lightly volunteers working with HQ SPTA and Wiltshire Council have erected 75 new rights of way sign posts on Larkhill Ranges and will continue to install about 30 per month.



TRAINING IN OCTOBER

October sees an increase in training across the Plain with artillery and mortar firing on Larkhill Ranges and 2 x Challenger 2 tank squadrons (2RTR) in the West and East for the whole month.

22 Sep - 8 Oct has 101 Logistics Brigade on Exercise GRIFFINS VIPER with 140 heavy wheeled logistic vehicles moving across the Plain

8 - 14 October sees the main event, the Staff College Demonstration. This will involve large static displays on Old Carter Barracks and Bulford Field, and an armoured mobility demonstration in the area between Carter Barracks and the Everleigh Road. The public are requested to remain on public rights of way and take extra precautions for their safety when in the vicinity.

10 - 21 October sees the Household Cavalry Regiment deploying 48 x CVR (T) reconnaissance tanks across the whole Plain and the peak of artillery and mortar firing.

19 - 20 October - Exercise FIRST VIEW sees 14 more Challenger 2 tanks in the West and Centre.

Note. Vehicle movement may cause delays at tank crossings and drivers are advised to take care when approaching crossings as mud clearance parties and mechanical sweepers will be at work.

Live Firing. Firing is closely managed to ensure that legal noise limits are not exceeded and disturbance is minimised. Although some may find the noise intrusive, it is well below legal limits.

Late Firing on Larkhill & Westdown Ranges: 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, 27th October.

AS90 Firing from Salisbury Plain East: Nil

AS90 Firing from Salisbury Plain West & Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle Nil

Complaints about Firing Noise should be made to (01980) 620819.

Military Flying. Helicopters, Hercules (C130) and fast jets may be active at any time. Fox Covert & Everleigh Dropping Zones will be active throughout.

Complaints about low flying should be made to 0207 218 6020 or e-mail lowflying@mod.uk.

ACCESS

Access to Salisbury Plain is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands and Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and urgent training bids may come in subsequently. **Always comply with local signs and flags.**

Access timings can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 67 4763.

Larkhill Ranges. Rights of way through Larkhill Ranges are closed when red flags are flying. **No firing is planned for:** 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 29th, 30th October

Note. During range fires access may be denied (risk of unexploded ordnance "cooking off").

Bulford Ranges. Rights of way through Bulford Ranges are closed when red flags are flying. **No firing is planned for:** 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 29th, 30th October.

Imber. Difficult terrain and unexploded military debris makes it hazardous to leave the tarmac roads. The public are excluded from Imber Ranges except when the roads are opened to reduce journey times across Imber Ranges. It is planned to open roads through Imber as follows:

From	To	Year	Remarks
12 th November	13 th November	2011	Remembrance Day.
17 th December 2011	2 nd January	2012	Christmas and New Year.
6 th April	9 th April	2012	Easter Bank Holiday

Notes.

1. Even when the roads are open the village remains out of bounds to the public.
2. These dates may change if operational training needs dictate.

Provisional Dates for Major Exercises. During the following exercises access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

10 Nov	-	27 Nov	2011	Ex WESSEX THUNDER
13 Feb	-	11 Mar	2012	Ex PASHTUN DAWN
26 Mar	-	29 Mar	2012	Ex LION STRIKE
21 May	-	25 May	2012	Ex LION STRIKE
4 Jun	-	18 Jun	2012	Ex WESSEX THUNDER
13 Aug	-	16 Sep	2012	Ex PASHTUN DAWN

Offences Causing Most Trouble to Users of SPTA. Currently the greatest problems remain:

- a. Illegal "Off Roding" by 4WD and motor cycles i.e. not on metalled roads or byways, or without Road Tax, MOT or Insurance.
- b. Criminal damage.
- c. Fly tipping.
- d. Theft of and from vehicles and theft of metal.
- e. Poaching (including hare coursing).

What You Can Do to Reduce Crime. Please report suspicious activity to **PLAINWATCH (01980 674700)**. The more information received the better e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles. If a crime is taking place call 999 and do not challenge the offenders.



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